

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1843
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Special Purpose Districts
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There currently are plans for single family residential and commercial development of certain land located in Fort Bend County. Interested parties contend that the area would benefit from the creation of a municipal utility district to provide certain services. S.B. 1843 seeks to address this issue.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1843 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 2, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill, if it does not receive a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.